



POTATOES

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NEW YORK POTATO STOCKS UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR

Potato stocks held for all purposes on January 1, 2010 by New York growers, dealers, and processors totaled 2.00 million hundredweight (cwt.), the same as last year. The New York Agricultural Statistics Service estimated disappearance during the month of December at 500,000 cwt. compared with 600,000 cwt. a year earlier. Storage accounted for 40 percent of the 2009 potato production, up from last year's January 1 storage of 35 percent.

The 13 major potato States held 235 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2010, up 10 percent from a year ago and 1 percent above January 1, 2008. Potatoes in storage accounted for 61 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, up 3 percent from January 1, 2008. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 3.60 million cwt on January 1, 2010, up 9 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

Potato disappearance, at 149 million cwt, was 5 percent below January 1, 2009 and down 10 percent from 2008. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 16.5 million cwt, was up 11 percent from the same date in 2009 and 1 percent above 2008.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 75.7 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 10 percent from the same period last year and down 16 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 14.1 million cwt of the total processing, down 3 percent from last year and 16 percent below the same period in 2008.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on January 1, 2009-2010 1/

State	Crop of 2008			Crop of 2009			
	Production	Stocks Jan. 1, 2009	Percent of Production	Production	Stocks Dec. 1, 2009	Stocks Jan. 1, 2010	January Percent of Production
	1,000 cwt.		Percent	1,000 cwt.			Percent
CA	3,948	1,500	38	4,158	2,100	1,700	41
CO	21,907	14,700	67	22,080	15,900	13,900	63
ID	116,475	75,500	65	131,000	96,500	87,000	66
ME 2/	14,769	10,000	68	15,263	12,000	10,800	71
MI	14,875	6,600	44	15,660	8,700	7,000	45
MN	20,400	11,700	57	20,700	13,700	12,300	59
MT	3,465	3,400	98	3,347	3,300	3,200	96
NE	8,245	4,700	57	8,756	5,700	4,800	55
NY	5,696	2,000	35	4,950	2,500	2,000	40
ND	22,680	12,500	55	19,125	13,000	10,800	56
OR	18,676	14,100	75	21,460	17,400	15,000	70
WA	93,000	43,800	47	88,450	54,500	48,900	55
WI	25,730	12,700	49	28,980	20,500	18,000	62
13 Sts 2/	369,866	213,200	58	383,929	265,800	235,400	61
Klamath Basin 3/		3,300			4,500		

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop.

2/ December 1, 2009, stocks revised.

3/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co. Oregon. Included in the 13 State totals.